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## News Section

- THE BLESSING OF THROATS--given annually on the Feast of St. Blaise --can be received after the 5:10 Mass this evening, and again at 6:30, 7:30, and 8:30 P.M. in the Dillon Chapel.
- FRIDAY IS THE FIRST FRIDAY of the month of February. There is no better time than the present to receive absolution and to start making the Nine First Fridays.
- "SPIRITUAL RENEWAL THROUGH THE ROMAN SYNOD"--this is the general intention for the month of February recommended by the Holy Father for the Apostleship of Prayer.
- LOOK magazine, in its current issue, carries an article that is apt to be discussed for some time. Entitled, "Can Catholics Separate Church and State?", it is authored by Notre Dame's Father John O'Brien.
- THE STUDENT CHOIR, under the direction of Fr. McAuliffe, is accepting new members. All who are interested are asked to be present for the next rehearsal, to be held at 5:30 Friday evening, Feb. 5th, in the Crypt of Sacred Heart Church.
- A MASS IN THE BYZANTINE RITE will be offered in Sacred Heart Church on the evening of February 15th. A commentator will explain the Mass as it progresses, and missals containing both the Slavonic and the English versions of the Mass will be provided. Holy Communion will be distributed under both species.
- SATURDAY IS THE FIRST SATURDAY. Remember the Fatima promises.
- THE NOVENA FOR THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES begins today. The Novena prayers will be recited after each of the late Masses in Sacred Heart Church from now until February 11th. The Novena prayers are provided on the reverse side of today's Bulletin. Attend Mass and receive Holy Communion daily and recite the prayer for each day. What better time than right now to guarantee that you'll have few worries at exam time in May?
- PRAYERS. Deceased: Father of Jack Marhoefer of Alumni; friend of Tom Sleeper of Lyons; Robert Carville, '52; E. Regis Lauer; uncle of Bill Maguire of Alumni; uncle of Ed Kompare of Pangborn; grandfather of Bob Rose of Dillon; friend of Dr. Ben Saeli, '40; aunt of Charles MacMillan of Dillon; grandmother of Joe Bette of Dillon; Eugene Steurele, '25; Louis E. Black, '49; Douglas F. Haley, Jr., '42; Judge John J. Kennedy, '09; Tommy Owens (12th anniversary); James W. Baker, '34; Walter Pawlowski; friend of Dick Daggett of Sorin; brother of Joe Heywang, off-Campus. Ill: Mother of Tom Sleeper of Lyons; friend of Mike Collins of Howard; father and father-in-law of Herb Riband, '59; Most Reverend Lawrence F. Schott, D.D.; Rev. Bernard I. Mullahy, C.S.C.; Rev. Eugene Burke, C.S.C.; friend of John Bechtold of Keenan; mother of Sr. Corona, O.S.U. Edward Moos; aunt of Ed White, Off-Campus; brother of Sr. John Francis, C.S.J.; grandfather of Bill Welch of Dillon; Cornelius and Catherine Barry; Carl O. Hennefent, '53; Michael Laughlin, Off-Campus; mother of Angelo Militello of Pangborn; Noel Callahan; father of Captain John Fatum.

# Novena for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

## FEBRUARY 3—THE FIRST DAY

### Prayer

Dear Mother Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes, I ask you to teach me to pray with reverence. Obtain for me such a strong, living faith that I may realize that at prayer I am in close contact with divinity itself. Save me from hurrying through my prayers. Save me from becoming mechanical at prayer. Help me to acquire the habit of placing myself in the presence of God before I begin to pray. Mother, teach me to make the sign of the cross in union with you. Let me trace that sacred sign under the guidance of your hand. Help me to edify others and bring them closer to God, even by my sign of the cross. "Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us."

## FEBRUARY 4—THE SECOND DAY

### Prayer

Dear Mother Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes, you favored the little peasant girl with eighteen face-to-face visits. What a series of marvelous privileges! Bernadette's privilege can never be mine. But, dear Mother, grant me the privilege of seeing you with my mind and my heart. Let me understand more clearly how you loved and served God, and awaken in my soul the efficacious desire to love and serve Him more zealously in my daily round of duties. Teach me the sweet reserve and the humble simplicity in thought and word and act that will influence others to emulate that Marylikeness that should characterize all who are your devoted clients. "Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us."

## FEBRUARY 5—THE THIRD DAY

### Prayer

Dear Mother Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes, how evident was your benignity in these visits to Bernadette! You smiled encouragingly, reassuringly, consolingly upon the child so singularly favored . . . . Dear Mother, smile upon me also. I am a child of Mary, especially consecrated to you. Your smile will mean great graces for me. I need encouragement regarding [here mention your special intention] . . . . I need your assurance that my efforts are correct regarding [here mention your particular problems] . . . . I need your consolation in regard to [here mention your special needs] . . . . Mother, give me your sweet smile today and every day of my life. May you smile upon me especially when I meet you on the threshold of eternity. "Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us."

## FEBRUARY 6—THE FOURTH DAY

### Prayer

Dear Mother Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes, your exhortations to prayer teach me to value prayer highly. Help me to become more attentive at my prayers. Obtain for me the favor that I may exercise such control over my imagination as will make me center my thoughts at prayer more constantly and lovingly on God. Teach me how to keep my senses in check, so that distractions from without may become less and less attractive. Dear Mother, teach me the art of prayer. Obtain for me the spirit of prayer. "Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us."

## FEBRUARY 7—THE FIFTH DAY

### Prayer

Dear Mother Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes, how grandly your request for visits to you at the grotto at Lourdes has been regarded by mankind! The Christian world has taken you at your word. The innumerable replicas of the Lourdes grotto—whether public or private—that stud the face of the earth are part of the world's answer to your request . . . . Dear Mother Mary, in response to your request I will visit you in spirit at your favorite grotto every time I pray before an image of Our Lady of Lourdes. Now I know definitely that you have asked me to meet you there. Truly the mother expects her child to visit her often. I shall try to visit your shrine daily. If I am prevented from doing so, I shall at least invoke you with the well-known little prayer "Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us."

## FEBRUARY 8—THE SIXTH DAY

### Prayer

Dear Mother Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes, your request for a chapel at the grotto has been granted. The Catholics of the whole world have taken care of that . . . . "To Christ through Mary", lead me to Christ; help me to understand well His teaching; obtain for me the grace to follow Him closely in imitation of His virtues. Let my thoughts, aspirations, tendencies be directed Christward always. Mother, keep me close to you; then He will be more favorably inclined to me. "Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us."

## FEBRUARY 9—THE SEVENTH DAY

### Prayer

Dear Mother Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes, through the miracles at the fountain you have awakened dormant faith in the hearts

of many persons. The conversion of scoffers and atheists is recorded as well as the return of prodigals and the remarkable advance in the spirit of faith among Catholics in general. It is said that the greatest miracle at Lourdes is the faith that has been kindled in the hearts of men . . . . Dear Mother, I plead for a miracle for myself. Revive my faith. Obtain for me the grace to live so strongly in the spirit of faith that my good works may become incentives for others to live closer to God. Mother, I plead for this miracle for the sake of your divine Son. "Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us."

## FEBRUARY 10—THE EIGHTH DAY

### Prayer

Our Lady of Lourdes, the Immaculate Conception, I venerate you as the immaculate Mother of the immaculate Christ. I congratulate you on the great privilege that is yours alone. The title Immaculate Conception must have been ratified by the Trinity itself, since you used it to reveal yourself to us on earth . . . . Dear Mother Mary, in loving appreciation of your privilege I will salute you frequently today with "Ave Maria, Immaculata!" . . . . Immaculate, obtain for me the special grace of greater freedom from sin. Help me to lessen sin and its causes in my life. Today with your assistance I will be on guard against [here mention your special temptation] . . . . I may not fail my good Savior. "Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us."

## FEBRUARY 11—THE NINTH DAY— FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

### Prayer

Our Lady of Lourdes, profoundly do I venerate you. Humbly and joyfully I offer you the tribute of my sincere love. Through you I thank the heavenly Father for granting me a glimpse, necessarily meager, of the glory He has bestowed upon you. Dear "beautiful Lady," I do not ask to see you as Bernadette saw you. I am not worthy. I do however plead for a constantly growing appreciation of your greatness of soul. I go on in life, let me see you in the light of God's love for you. Be to me always an incentive to greater personal holiness . . . . Forgive me, Mother, if at times I yield to my imagination and in pious reverie picture your features to myself—your beautiful face, your soul-revealing eyes. A devoted child finds much unparalleled beauty in you, Mother. "Thou art all fair," says Scripture. I cannot easily exaggerate your fairness. Mother, show me the beauties of your immaculate heart. Make me realize your attractiveness. Win me to yourself . . . . Then take me to Jesus. Amen. "Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us."